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INS Names Rosemary L. Melville District Director for Atlanta

ATLANTA, GA – Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) Commissioner Doris Meissner today announced the selection of Rosemary Langley Melville as the new Director of the Atlanta District.

“Rosemary Melville brings to Atlanta a blend of experiences and skills that provide excellent preparation to meet the challenges of the District,” said Meissner. As the Atlanta District Director, Melville will be responsible for INS operations in the states of Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina and North Carolina.

Melville comes to Atlanta from Los Angeles, where she has served as the Deputy District Director since December 1995. The Los Angeles District covers Southern California and is the largest INS district.

“The depth and breadth of Ms. Melville’s experience will be a great asset to the Atlanta District,” said J. Scott Blackman, INS Eastern Regional Director. “She’s demonstrated her ability to be a leader and we welcome her to the Eastern Region management team.”

“I am extremely happy to accept this position,” Melville said. “The Southeastern part of the country is a new area for me and the Atlanta District includes so many different communities. I am looking forward to building new relationships and working with employees, community leaders and others in the four states that comprise the district.”

Melville began her career with INS as an Immigration Inspector in Chicago in 1976. In 1982, she transferred to Los Angeles as an Immigration Examiner. When the legalization program was established in 1987, Melville was selected as the Assistant Deputy Director for Legalization in Los Angeles, where she managed one of the largest legalization programs in the country. She was then promoted to Deputy Assistant District Director for Examinations.

Seeking new challenges, in 1991 Melville was selected as the Director of the Los Angeles Asylum Office. During her tenure, she also served as the Acting Director of the INS Asylum Program in Washington, DC. In 1995 she was promoted to the Los Angeles Deputy Director position. From October 1998 to January 1999, she was assigned as Acting District Director of the Los Angeles District.

Melville is a native of Chicago and is a graduate of the University of Illinois. She also has an MBA from California State Polytechnic University.

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